DEFUND THE POLICE
Broward County Research Guide
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Research Justice is a strategic framework that challenges dominant narratives, exposes social injustice, and reveals untold stories. The Broward County Defund the Police Research Justice Guide is community-led, and uses data as a tool for change and liberation as well as police and prison abolition.
Defunding police department budgets is a major objective for the Movement for Black Lives. This summer, Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward created a local objective - to defund $10m from Fort Lauderdale Police Department. We have also been calling for similar defundings in BSO and for all municipalities in Broward to seriously rethink their relationships with these police departments.

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IDEAS FOR DEFUNDING FLPD

Fort Lauderdale will be voting on its 2021 budget in September, and we hope to have a significant impact on what is decided with these meetings. So, what does defunding the police actually look like? Below we have some examples of items in FLPD’s budget that could be shrunk.

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Item’s 2021 recommended budget</th>
<th>Amount to defund</th>
<th>Justification</th>
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<td>Training Decision Package – SWAT training</td>
<td>$234,100</td>
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<td>Demilitarization</td>
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<td>Bulletproof Vest Replacements</td>
<td>$261,184</td>
<td>$50,000.00</td>
<td>Demilitarization, the number of police officers listed in the budget x the amount per vest doesn’t add up with how much money they need for vests, it’s $50k too much</td>
<td>$99,500.00</td>
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<td>Operations – Overtime</td>
<td>$3,066,767</td>
<td>$100,000.00</td>
<td>Overtime incentivizes more arrests, $138000 increase from 2020 budget</td>
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<td>Operations – Salaries</td>
<td>$3,204,770.00</td>
<td>$800,000.00</td>
<td>No new cops and no higher salaries; keep it the same as it was last year.</td>
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<td>Operations – Other supplies</td>
<td>$353,050.00</td>
<td>$100,000.00</td>
<td>Demilitarization - Some of these funds are used for ammunition</td>
<td>$1,099,500.00</td>
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<td>Operations – Tools/Equipment &lt;$5000</td>
<td>$71,200.00</td>
<td>$40,000.00</td>
<td>Only used $29,179 in 2019 and only had a $10,000 budget for this in 2018.</td>
<td>$1,139,500.00</td>
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<td>Investigations – Overtime</td>
<td>$1,959,590.00</td>
<td>$80,000.00</td>
<td>They’re increasing the number of detectives so they can have detectives on staff at all hours…so less need for overtime. $80000 increase from 2020s budget</td>
<td>$1,219,500.00</td>
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<td>Investigations – Other supplies</td>
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<td>Funds are used for surveillance.</td>
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<td>Support – Overtime</td>
<td>$482,400.00</td>
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<td>Decrease overtime</td>
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COMMISSIONER VIEWS ON POLICING

By now the elected officials in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County are well aware of the efforts being made to defund the police. Who are these commissioners, and what are their views on policing and positions on defunding the police?

Research volunteers asked these politicians a set of questions pertaining to police brutality and defunding the police. Most of them didn’t respond directly to the questions, but we’ve compiled some of the responses we did get.

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

NOTES ON FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION:
The Mayor blamed violence at recent protests in the city on protesters, but since then the city removed their Chief of Police and has taken some action against officers who attacked protesters. They’re also talking about forming a new task force to investigate police complaints.

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis
Supports Defunding Police? No
Note: The Mayor has made many public statements in support of the Movement for Black Lives while also defending his own police and their budget.
Up for reelection this year? Yes

Fort Lauderdale Commissioner District 3 Robert McKinzie
Supports Defunding Police: No
Notes: Spoke out against the police violence that occurred on May 31st but wants more police funding, not less.
Up for reelection this year? No

Fort Lauderdale Commissioner District 1 Heather Moraitis
Supports Defunding Police? No
Notes: Supports recent changes which requires bodycam footage be reviewed when associated with response to resistance incidents.
Up for reelection this year? No

Fort Lauderdale Commissioner District 2 Steven Glassman
Supports Defunding Police? No, but supports “re-allocating”
“Regarding divesting or defunding, there is a lot to digest with regard to our police department and I am certain that our City manager will be bringing forward an analysis of our current budget situation along with the Sheriff.”
Up for reelection this year? Yes

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Broward Commissioner District 1
Nan Rich
Supports Defunding Police: No, but supports re-allocating funds
Notes: Would like to see funds re-allocated for mental and behavioral health professionals and Crisis Intervention Teams.
Up for reelection this year? No

Broward Commissioner District 2
Lamar Fisher
Supports Defunding Police: “Our County Administrator is in the middle of preparing her recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021 and we are taking all the recent events into consideration.”
Notes: Supports BSO’s compliance with #8CANTWAIT
Up for reelection this year? No

Broward Commissioner District 3
Michael Udine
Supports Defunding Police: No
Notes: Supports progressive reforms in BSO that they are mostly already pursuing
Up for reelection this year? No

Broward Commissioner District 4
Vice Mayor Steve Geller
Supports Defunding Police: No
Notes: Believes in re-imagining the roles police play.
Up for reelection this year? No

Broward Commissioner District 5
Beam Furr
Supports Defunding Police: Yes
Notes: He hopes to succeed in divesting but at the very least will vote not to increase the budget.
Up for reelection this year? No

Broward Commissioner District 6
Mayor Dale Holness
Supports Defunding Police: No
“More than one million dollars in funds from the police budget have been deviated and redirected towards implicit bias training and racial equity. There is more that can and should be done.”
Up for reelection this year? Yes

Broward Commissioner District 7
Tim Ryan
Notes: Did not reply to volunteer’s questions.
Up for reelection this year? Yes
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2020 ELECTIONS

There are elections occurring in Broward County in August and November 2020 that will have a serious impact on how race-based policing, brutality, and incarceration are handled. Many candidates have already been scored by racial justice groups and have been interviewed by local news on questions pertaining to the Movement for Black Lives.

Most general information about the elections can be found on the Broward SOE website.

Important notes: Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward does not endorse candidates for election. In order to keep our guide concise and relevant, we will mainly be talking about County and City elections for offices involving police/budget decisions.

Broward Primary August 18, 2020

Because Broward leans heavily for Democratic candidates, many of the most important County-wide positions will be decided in the Democratic Primary. There is an unusually high opportunity for extreme change to these offices as a result of this election.

SHERIFF

Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) is one of the largest police departments in the US, and has had its share of complaints of police brutality. The last elected Sheriff, Scott Israel, was removed by the Governor of Florida in 2019 for mishandling the Parkland Massacre, and a Coral Springs cop, Gregory Tony, was appointed to replace him. Israel, Tony and four others are now running for Sheriff. All 6 of them are current or former BSO officers.

A brief analysis:

These candidates have had it out in online debates many times over the course of the summer, and they’ve all had ample time to make statements in support of the Movement for Black Lives. However, the only one of them who has a history of supporting the movement prior to May 2020 is Willie Jones, who also ran for Sheriff in 2016 and was the only candidate that year to strongly speak out against police brutality. However, almost all the candidates tout their past experience working in black communities in Broward, and have pledged to do more if they are elected. While some of them have suggested “re-directing” funds in BSO, none of them have said that they support defunding BSO.

For further study we recommend watching a candidate forum for this race we recently hosted, available here: https://www.facebook.com/browardprogressives/videos/3155470051158795

STATE ATTORNEY

The State Attorney’s Office (SAO) or prosecutor’s office for Broward County has been run by Mike Satz for over 40 years, and it is finally time for an open election to choose his replacement. There are several progressive candidates looking to make major changes to the ways Broward County prosecutes and incarcerates people, making it one of the most important races in Broward County this year.

A brief analysis:

Satz held back progress for so long that these 8 candidates have little problem talking about changes they can make. For this race we recommend looking at the detailed Dream Defender’s State Attorney Report Card, which applies a very high standard to these candidate’s positions, and provides details on each candidate. The full report is available here: https://dreamdefenders.org/state-attorney-report-cards/.
2020 ELECTIONS

PUBLIC DEFENDER
Public Defender (PD) is another important, county-wide position that is having an open race for the first time in a very long time. There are 3 candidates in this primary.

A brief analysis:
While all these candidates would likely make fine PDs, only one of them, Assistant Public Defender Gordon Weekes, has been a consistent and authentic ally to the local BLM movement.

OTHER RACES
Other county-wide races in August include Broward Clerk of Courts, Supervisor of Elections, an At-Large seat on the Broward School Board, and judges.

General Election November 3rd 2020
There will also be some significant local races in the November races that we will explore in more detail as the date draws closer.

Some of the officials from Broward County & Fort Lauderdale that are talked about elsewhere in this guide will be up for election, such as Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis. However, a majority of the commissioners in Broward & Fort Lauderdale are not running for re-election because no one else is running for their seats.

Many, but not all, of the cities in Broward are having elections in November, including Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Hallandale, Coral Springs, Pompano Beach, Dania Beach, Wilton Manors, Oakland Park, Lauderdale, Cooper City, Tamarac, Sunrise, SW Ranches, Weston, North Lauderdale, Plantation, & Lauderdale Lakes.

Some of these commission races we will be talking more about in greater detail at another time.
Our work towards research justice is far from complete! After the August Primary is done, we will be focusing on the upcoming meetings where the 2021 police budgets in Broward will be decided. One way you can start getting involved with that is by talking to these elected officials yourselves! We’ve provided some sample questions we’ve sent them ourselves, and their contact information to get you started.

1. What is your stance on investing in programs for job training and small business development?
2. What is your stance on addressing the issues of poverty and making real investments in the community?
3. What is your stance on investing in free community centers that provide after-school and summer programs for the vulnerable children and young adults in our community?
4. Would you support investing in programs for unarmed professionals to respond to non-criminal police calls preventing confrontations with police?
5. Would you commit to not hiring cops with records of misconduct?
6. Would you support these initiatives in regards to policing?
   • Mandate that any by-standing officers must intervene if another officer violates these policies
   • Require training in de-escalation techniques and mandate those techniques be used
   • Mandate that warnings must be issued before shooting
   • Mandate that all non-deadly alternatives to shooting must be exhausted before weapons are fired
   • Ban officers from shooting at moving vehicles
   • Implement a use-of-force continuum that clearly defines and limits the types of force that can be used
   • Create a unified system to collect use-of-force data that is transparent and readily available.
   • Implement an early warning system to identify problematic officers.
   • Ban chokeholds and strangleholds
   • Look into programs like CAHOOT in Eugene, Oregon as a reference for initiatives we can implement in our community.

### SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR OFFICIALS & CANDIDATES

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### PUBLIC OFFICIALS CONTACT INFORMATION

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GET INVOLVED

We will have a lot more news about our efforts to get these police departments defunded soon! If you would like to learn more about getting involved, please check us out on our website and social media pages:

Website:  blacklivesmatteralliancebroward.org  
Facebook:  www.facebook.com/BlackLivesMatterAllianceBroward  
Instagram:  @BLMAllianceBroward  
Twitter:  @BLM_Broward

We have regular online meetings that you can get involved in as well.
APPENDIX

What does a commission board do?
• A commission is a type of local government.
• Commissioners are elected individually and serve on a small governing board - a commission.
• A commission board has a specified number of members, typically five or seven.

What do county sheriffs do?
• A sheriff is an elected county official who works as the chief civil-law enforcement officer of their jurisdiction.

What does the mayor do?
• A mayor is the head of a municipality and administers the executive branch of a local government.
• Mayors may also lead the city or town council, which acts as the legislative branch of a local government.

What power does commission have?
• Commissioners manage at least one aspect or department, like fire, police, public works, health or finance.
• Commissioners may be given the title of mayor or chairperson. This position is symbolic, aside from presiding over meetings.

What power do sheriffs have?
• A sheriff enforces court orders and mandates and may perform duties like evictions, seizing property and assets under court orders, and serving warrants and legal papers.
• Locally BSO operates the county jails and is responsible for court security functions.

What power does the mayor have?
• Mayors can enforce laws, manage public services, and manage city budgets and city projects.
• Mayors responsibilities include:
  • Serving on the city council;
  • Voting in council meetings;
  • Assigning council members to chair or serve on committees;
  • Appointing citizens to serve on advisory boards or commissions;
  • Preparing the annual budget; or
  • Making an annual report to the council.

(Source: Ballotpedia)